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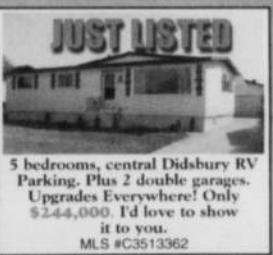


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Signage petition gathers more names, council to discuss topic

'Stop spending' a 'general' statement

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The petition appealing the approved directional signage for the Town of Didsbury has picked up speed, and the community voice has not gone unnoticed by council.

The three-year-phase, \$24,000 signage project, which would see signs directing visitors to community sites such as the hospital, library, museum and more, is facing a community petition that requires just over 150 more signatures before meeting its 500-name cap, after just over a week of the petition being out and about.

The petition, under the title "stop spending", was originally created by Linda Plewis in opposition to the approved signage.

"The petition is 'stop spending', because that is the will of the people, that is their words," said Plewis.

The signage was also one of many topics residents had the opportunity to discuss with council members at a public open house, held at the Five-O Club on March 20.

There, residents could also see the chosen designs for the signs, which were on display, though Plewis said the original sentiment of the signs not having a "historical, heritage" feel for the downtown core was still an issue.

"I have heard others saying to use taxpayers' dollars to maintain existing infrastructure like roads and sidewalks instead," said Plewis.

The issue has not been neglected by council either, though, with Mayor Brian Wittal stating that there is potential to re-address the signage project again in the near future.

"We are going to have a debriefing next week, decisions will be made on different topics and what it is we plan to do from there and whether or not council will address or reopen it," said Wittal.

As for the petition, which Plewis anticipates will have 500 signatures and be ready to present to council by its first April meeting, Wittal said the petition's statement was still very "general."

"The petition is 'stop spending'. It started around the signs, and it references the signs, but it has taken on a broader subject. The petition is very general," said Wittal. "Council understands that it's derived from the directional sign issue, though."

Wittal added that a possible postponement of the signage project for this year, with the town's tight 2012 budget in effect in consideration, "may be advisable".

"The investigation and other things we have done would not be wasted if it was just post-pone," said Wittal.

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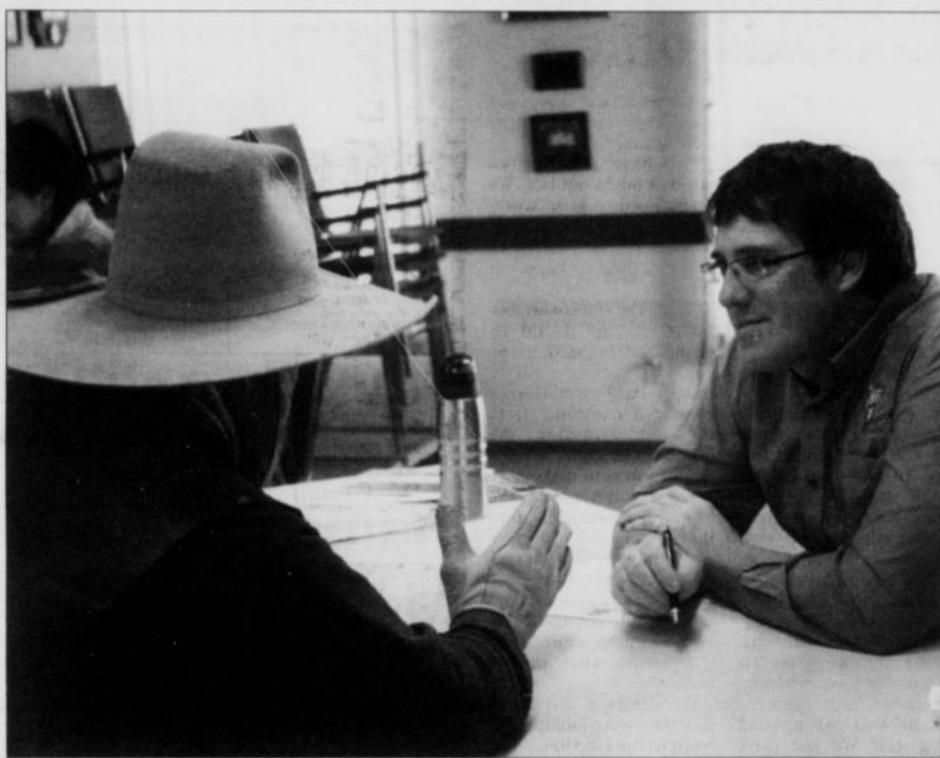
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Mayor Brian Wittal (right), and other council members, met with Didsbury residents on March 20 at an open house held at the Five-O Club.

Madison Samuel-Barclay/Didsbury Review

Fashion gloves waiting response from businesses

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The recent Miki Town exchange visit that took place last week has also brought a new update on a collaborative glove project Didsbury and Les Gants glove factory have had in the works since 2008.

A prototype of the high-end fashion gloves, which are leather-lined and made for both men and women, has been sent to the town and to some Canadian businesses.

"They're done with the prototype, and

we're talking to a couple of Canadian businesses about taking them on and distributing them," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

The gloves do not have a base price at this time, but when one is determined, Les Gants will be looking into other leathers for the product.

Wittal said that they should be hearing back from the business some time this April.

Until then, administration will be meeting with Les Gants President and CEO Tadashi Sunagawa during the Didsbury Miki Town exchange trip coming up.

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Open house met with mixed feelings

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

There were mixed feelings about the recent town open house, with reception ranging from disappointment to confusion about the casual discussion setup of the event.

The open house, advertised as an informal come-and-go session for residents to speak with town council members one on one about questions and concerns, was met with some disgruntled feedback from residents.

"It's ridiculous," said one unnamed resident. "I was hoping for a formal meeting, where you come, sit, and ask questions. We want to conduct a meeting."

However, Mayor Brian Wittal said the adopted, informal session was better suited for a variety of topic discussion, and that the open house was not advertised as a formal sit-down forum on just one major town topic.

"There were a number of

different issues that we had the opportunity to discuss, and we had a variety of good discussions," said Mayor Brian Wittal. "It also provides an opportunity for individuals who have a concern, but who do not want to voice it in front of a crowd, but in a private area."

"Either way, both have value," added Wittal on the formal versus informal open house setup. "This was what we decided upon. If it was for one specific issue, then yes, maybe a forum for questions on one thing specifically would work."

As for the many residents who attended the open house looking specifically for information on the recent signage project matter, Wittal said, "Signage was just one of many topics. It's become more of a hot topic as of late. Unfortunately, there was confusion."

"This is what we tried. If there's one issue in particular though, we will do a meeting."

Confusion between paper and online RV surveys

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Errors in the hard copy and online versions of the new RV parking survey have some Didsbury residents arching a brow.

The survey, which is meant to collect RV parking feedback from the community for consideration, has three key differences between its two versions that some residents have noted and brought to the town's attention.

The first change is the wording of the first question, where on the hard copy it asks if there should be restrictions for

where an RV is parked on the owner's property; the online version asks if there should be no restrictions.

"It's a pretty significant change of words," commented Cathy Grills at the town's open house, held at the Five-O Club on March 20.

The third question on the hard copy is also completely different than the online version, and while the hard copy version is 11 questions long, the online survey has 12.

"We've had that discussion," said Mayor Brian Wittal in regards to questions about the different surveys and what is to be

done about them. "Re-crafting or changing them would make things more confusing though. So, when we tabulate, we will accurately record responses and keep the change in surveys in mind, and read them carefully."

Wittal added that administration would likely be changing the online survey to match the hard copy survey, but will not dismiss online surveys already filled out, and will be paying close attention to their differences.

"We may change the online one, but the ones filled out before, those will be managed accordingly," said Wittal.

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COPY DEADLINE will be noon April 5.

PC candidate opens Olds office

JULIE BERTRAND
For the Review

PC candidate Darcy Davis officially opened his office on Olds' main street last Saturday.

Deputy Premier Doug Horner was present to lend his support to Davis and about 30 people attended the event.

"It is fabulous to have the kind of quality candidates like Davis that are running for our party," said Horner.

"Premier Redford is extremely proud of our entire list of candidates."

Davis has already been campaigning for the last couple of months in the constituency.

"My wife and I have been out door knocking in the constituency. We are getting a good response. We know we have work to do," he said.

"We really want to hear from the constituents

about what their concerns and issues are."

Because of the campaign, Davis spends more time in Olds than he does at his Acme home.

"We are not at home. We are out and about. This is what it is going to be," said Davis.

"I am making a commitment to the people in the constituency that I will get to the edges. Then, I will be in the middle and at the edges and where I need to be, when I need to be there."

Davis believes that the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency is facing five major issues: senior care, education, property rights, agriculture, and the Olds overpass.

He believes that the province should build more long-term care facilities.

"We need care facilities for people with dementia, Alzheimer's, those kinds of

serious concerns," said Davis.

Moreover, he wants the government to improve home care, so that seniors can stay at home longer.

Regarding education, Davis wants to update aging facilities and build new ones in the constituency.

Davis also wants to make sure that property rights are respected.

"We have some work to do around that, to make sure people understand planning and those things that will be coming forward in the future," he said.

"We have some great opportunities to conserve number one farmland, some great opportunities to set aside land for some recreation possibly."

As a farmer himself, agriculture is always at the forefront of Davis's mind.

"We need to get our markets in Asia set up and going well. We just can't

take what we have got going right now for granted," he said.

"We have good prices but that might not last. We really need to keep working on agriculture, add some value here in Alberta, and keep it going."

As for the Olds overpass, Davis said he would be pushing it as hard as he can.

Both Davis and Horner answered questions from the public during the office opening.

"Our job is to make sure that Albertans have the right information, that they understand where we are going and what we stand for," said Horner.

"It is easy to understand what people are against. It is difficult to understand sometimes what people are for."

Both Horner and Davis said they were looking forward to the election.



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Editorial

Abuse case highlights need for diligence

DAN SINGLETON

The shocking case of sexual abuse centred around former hockey coach Graham James — and what many are calling the very lenient sentence he recently received for his crimes — highlights the need to ensure that everything possible be done to protect young people from pedophiles.

Although James' offences happened outside Alberta years ago, he has only now come before the courts and been sentenced. And despite being convicted of abusing his former underage players on many occasions, James received only a two-year jail term — something that has outraged his victims and many others across Canada.

In his statement to the court at James' sentencing, well-known former NHL player and James victim Theo Fleury highlighted what is widely known: that the suffering of pedophile victims can go on for years after the offences.

"At a young and very impressionable age, I was stalked, preyed upon and sexually assaulted over 150 times by an adult my family and I trusted completely," said Fleury.

"I did not have the emotional skills, the knowledge, or the ability to stop the rapes or change my circumstances. I felt lost, alone, and helpless. And those feelings did not stop after I was able to get away from Mr. James; I continued to feel that way for 20 plus years afterwards."

What is also widely known is that pedophiles such as James rely on secrecy and deceit to make their crimes possible.

Whether it's threatening their victims to remain silent, lying and scheming when questioned, or using the often seen technique of moving from community to community to commit their offences, criminals who target children know full well that they must remain in the shadows or face exposure and prosecution.

As such, members of the general public, including parents and other caregivers right here in West Central Alberta, can make a big difference by promptly reporting any suspected crimes to police without delay.

If a young person voices a concern about an adult supervisor, that warning should never ever be treated lightly.

The sooner police know about concerns the quicker they can investigate; in turn, helping to ensure that pedophiles are brought to justice quickly, instead of only years and years later as in the James case.

It goes without saying that the very vast majority of coaches and other adult volunteers have the well-being and safety of young people at heart when they give generously of their time and effort.

Nevertheless the shocking Graham James case highlights the need for ongoing diligence wherever and whenever young people are supervised by adults.

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Opinion



Commentary

Alberta is run by 'the mechanics'

BARRY COOPER

Everyone knows the Conservatives have been in power for the past 40 years. To see what that means we must distinguish between the PC members of the legislative assembly and the machine.

There is some overlap, especially at the top, but members, from back-benchers to premiers, come and go fairly quickly — just ask Ed Stelmach. The turnover among those who run the machine — let's call them mechanics — is much more gradual. For years the mechanics have been more important than members.

When Alison Redford was elected premier she promised regime change. That would mean if not the destruction of the machine then at least the replacement of the mechanics. That hasn't happened, chiefly because the mechanics wouldn't let it. Besides, Redford is a process person, and process people make better mechanics than political leaders.

When Redford did try to lead, as with Bill 26, which changed the definition of legal impairment, the Calgary Herald editorial board correctly said it was a "textbook example of how not to implement a law." If the national energy strategy ever became policy rather than an endless process, it would invite a similar judgment.

Mechanics are good at maintaining business as usual. After all, who is going to argue with 40 years of success?

For example, the premier receives a salary "top-up" paid by the machine not directly by tax-payers. It is negoti-

ated between her and the most powerful mechanics. Discussing, let alone disclosing the amount, Redford said, would not be "based on goodwill."

Or, take those handsome transition allowances. They are based on salaries but also on accumulated stipends for "work" on committees. One back-bencher told me that when he was made a committee chair he was informed by a senior mechanic that his job was to sign off on bills. No hearings, no criticism; he didn't have to read the bill. Just sign. Thus begins a system of incentives that enables mechanics to depart with million-dollar severance packages.

Business as usual explains our very own sponsorship scandal. Consider Joe, who works for the Medicine Hat Catholic School Board. He attends a PC fundraiser such as a golf tournament. The board picks up his expenses and he gets to keep a charitable receipt. Thus the machine gets a donation from a publicly-funded body and Elections Alberta can't trace anything to the real payment source.

Redford explains: "it's individuals," mechanics, who "made decisions. It wasn't our party." Besides, she went on, "I think we should be very pleased about the fact that we have systems in place that are discovering this information." Really? By that logic Jean Chretien would have been pleased with what the Gomery Commission unearthed about his sponsorship scandal.

Or there is the brief flap caused early in February by Linda Sloan, president of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (and a former Liberal

MLA) who accused the machine of allocating funds on partisan grounds. Doug Griffith, former leadership candidate and current Municipal Affairs Minister, went ballistic and demanded an apology.

Unfortunately, almost the same day another mechanic, Hector Goudreau, told members of the Holy Family Catholic Regional Division in Grimshaw that they were "to be very diplomatic from here on out." Non-diplomatic comments, he explained, could be "upsetting" and "this could delay the decision on a new school." That sounds like partisan intimidation to me.

Speaking of intimidation, on February 24 Redford said that allegations of doctor intimidation "had to be" central to the health-care inquiry. After consulting more experienced mechanics, investigating intimidation is gone. And yet, if there is queue jumping somebody has to coerce the docs to treat politically-connected patients preferentially. Who? The mechanics, as both Stephen Duckett and the docs agree.

After 40 years of PC success, the premier's problem going into the election is not about policy. It's not, as the National Post put it, that she presided over the first NDP budget in the history of the province, a budget that my colleague Jack Mintz said was "based on fantasy." That is just a symptom. The real problem is that Alberta has been run by mechanics and process people devoted only to keeping the machine nicely oiled.

Barry Cooper is a political scientist at the University of Calgary.

Where do your tax dollars go?



**BRIAN
WITTAL**

Due to the recent articles regarding the 2012 Alberta Education Tax and the impact this tax will have on residents, I want to take some time and clarify a few points on the matter.

The provincial government sets the education tax rate for the province. A calculation is then done for each municipality based on an equalized assessment value averaged over the past four years. So for those communities that have experienced more growth than other municipalities in the province, the averaged assessment value will be higher which, in the end, means residents will be paying more for education tax. This formula is used in an effort to share the burden between larger and smaller communities or communities that are remote and may have smaller schools because of location. The rationale is that these smaller school divisions need subsidies to keep the schools running. It is very much like the wealth transfer payments between the provinces that currently exist in Canada.

The province announced that the average rate of increase for the education tax for 2012 in Alberta would be 6.3 per cent. Unfortunately, due to Didsbury's growth in equalized assessment over the past four years, our residents will be paying an actual increase of 10.2 per cent. On the positive side, this demonstrates the growth both in size and in value in Didsbury compared to the rest of the province.

When the premier promised to replace funding that had been previously cut from the education budget those dollars had to come from somewhere and no doubt that was factored into the 6.3 per cent increase.

My concern is that over the past three years funding streams for municipalities, such as the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI), have been reduced. We have had to adjust and live with this reality by delaying or cancelling projects and reducing services in order to stay within our budget. This reduction in funding has in some instances, resulted in an increase in municipal taxes in order to maintain current services and facilities.

Council has tried very hard to keep tax increases to a minimum based upon what council sees as the economic realities that are present in Didsbury today. I believe that this year's proposed increase of 2.3 per cent is a reflection of our seriousness and commitment to the residents of Didsbury to

manage their tax dollars responsibly.

We, as the local municipality, have no say in the setting of the education tax rate. We are merely the tax collector and we end up taking the heat for the province as did the tax collectors of old! As the local municipality the law requires us to collect provincial education taxes from our residents on behalf of the province and remit it to the government, who then disperses it to the many different school boards provincewide.

So what about your education tax dollars? Who manages those?

In the end, the local school boards determine how they will spend the funds, no doubt with some guidelines and formulas and restrictions from the province that must be followed. If you want to know who is responsible for spending your education tax dollars and/or how they are doing that, I urge you to please contact the head office of the Chinook's Edge School Division or contact your local board member from Didsbury, Mr. Gordon Kerr, and they will be able to explain to you where your education tax dollars go within the region.

Rugby Hall ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

DIDSBUY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



April 18th upstairs in the curling rink

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Alberta Utilities Commission

Cancellation of Oral Hearing regarding the proposed development of the transmission system in the Red Deer region

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Application No. 1607507 was filed with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) for approval of the need to reinforce the electrical transmission in the Red Deer region.

The Commission has cancelled the oral hearing which was scheduled to commence on June 5, 2012,
in Red Deer for Proceeding ID No. 1368.

In the notice of pre-hearing conference and hearing, issued December 16, 2011, the Commission requested that parties intending to participate in the public hearing be present at the pre-hearing conference on February 9, 2012, in Red Deer. Parties were also asked to file a list of issues and concerns with the application prior to February 2, 2012. No statements of issues or concerns were received by the AUC, with the exception of the submission from the City of Red Deer, which was withdrawn at a later date. Further, no interested party appeared in person or by proxy at the pre-hearing conference. Given the lack of participation with respect to this application, the Commission has decided that the oral public hearing will not be required and has proceeded to review this application through a written hearing process.

Please contact Sophie Jiang at sophie.jiang@auc.ab.ca or 403-592-4418 with any questions or concerns.

Issued on March 15, 2012.

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Douglas A. Larder, Q.C. General Counsel

TOWN OF DIDSBUY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, April 11 at 4:30 pm

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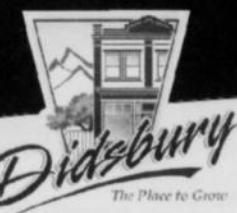
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Author launches new book, *False Love, True Love*

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Didsbury Municipal Library hosted a special book-launch event on Mar. 24, celebrating local author Gladys Krueger and her recently-published book, *False Love, True Love*.

A number of the books were available for purchase and signing following a brief live reading from Krueger herself, and a presentation of one of the books for donation to the library.

False Love, True Love is the first published book from Krueger, who had previously written poems and articles before beginning her large writing project in May 2011.

The story, set in the 1950s, follows Jill Jackson and her relationship with Dan, who is holding back his feelings for the woman he loves in order to protect her from his harsh, bitter father.

"I wanted to tell a story of the '50s the way it was," said Krueger, who called upon many of her own personal experiences living in the '50s for her book. "Happy Days was not quite

the '50s."

The story also touches upon some more serious themes, such as child abuse, and the "need to forgive".

"I wanted to entertain, but also have some things to think about," said Krueger.

False Love, True Love was a self-publishing effort by Krueger, who admits that the process is "not cheap".

However, due to the very long approval process required for company publishers and the strain involved with book promotion and lack of control with book covers, Krueger chose self-publishing instead.

"I thought, I'm 73, how much longer am I gonna wait?" said Krueger of the company-publishing process.

As for why she titled the book as she did, Krueger said, "Somehow when I was writing, that just seemed to be the title. The father had a false love; Dan's love was false to start as well."

"We're really happy to do this for a local author," said Inez Kosinski, library manager, on hosting the book launch party at the library.



Madison Samuel-Barclay/Didsbury Review

Gladys Krueger (back-right) signs one of her new books while at her book launch party held at the Didsbury Municipal Library on March 24.

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Didsbury band performing thank-you concert

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The time has finally come for the Didsbury High School Band to prepare for their big London trip, and to celebrate they are throwing a thank-you concert for the community, and are even hoping to get residents a long-distance seat to their overseas performance.

The band was hand-picked by Dr. Glenn Price to perform, from April 4 to April 14, at a London festival, and since then the band has been working hard polishing their musical skills and raising funds for the expensive trip.

"The community has

been tremendously supportive," said music director Kirk Wassmer.

As a thank you to the community which has helped them along the way, the band will be performing in the high school gym on March 30 at 7 p.m. before they leave.

The concert will be admission by donation, and everyone is welcome to attend, according to Wassmer.

The band is also looking for a way to roll out the big screen in the school gymnasium and broadcast their London performance at the school at 12:30 p.m. our time, with the help of Skype or Facetime.

Permission to do this is still being sought at this

time.

The band will be performing a five-piece set in London, that Wassmer said the band has been working really hard on.

"I think they realize the pressure that comes with this being an invite-only thing," he said. "They've responded really well and have been working hard. There's a certain energy that comes from being two weeks away too."

"I love teaching in a small town, and this really drives that home," added Wassmer. "This is one of the best, if not the best, bands I've taught in my 20 years of teaching. It's just been really exciting to be a part of, it's wonderful to see this happening."

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Wed. March 28

Didsbury Museum will be having Coffee & Conversation from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Our guest presenter will be Didsbury artist Ruth Jepson. She is known for the large golfer painted on our water tower as well as the relaxing figures painted around our swimming pool.

Come have a cup of coffee and explore the museum. Everyone is welcome.

Thurs. March 29

7 to 8 p.m. Blogging course at the Didsbury CES (Community Engagement Site in the high school). Share your stories, ideas or expertise online with ease.

Mon. April 9

Rugby Hall Annual General Meeting. 7:30 p.m. "Support Your Hall!"

April 14-15

Call to Artists - Mountain View Arts Society is hosting an Art Show & Sale at the Didsbury Art, Travel & Trade Expo to be held April 14 and 15 at the Memorial Complex. The MVAS welcomes visual artists from around the region to participate. Information at www.mountainviewartsociety.ca or contact Frankie 403-335-3633 or Merrilee at 403-512-9888 for information. Registration deadline March 31, 2012

Promote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@libs.prl.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

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Canine Behaviour Seminar to teach the "whys" of dogs

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

A seminar on the nature of dog behaviour is coming to Didsbury, to help dog owners and potential dog owners answer their "why" questions when it comes to their furry friends.

The seminar is being held in the multi-purpose room in the Didsbury Memorial Complex on March 31 and April 1.

The first day will be a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. adult-only seminar, while the April 1 session is a 9 a.m. to noon course for children ages 6 to 12.

The seminars will be taught by Dr. Pam Barker, DVM, who has been a working veterinarian for over 15 years, and is currently practising out of 100 Mile House in British Columbia.

Barker is also a dog musher, and has a long background in dog training and animal health and care, from showing dogs, training hearing-aid dogs and even working as a zookeeper in Alaska.

The seminar will focus primarily on dog behaviour. It's an overview for dog owners and potential dog owners, explaining why dogs behave as they do,

said Barker. "We'll also talk about where to and where not to find a dog, and how to find one that is compatible with your lifestyle."

"The impression I have is that people pick dogs based on how they look," said Barker. "With different breeds and types though, it's more about how they act than how they look. People will like the look and not know the behaviour. People have great expectations, until reality hits, with school, scheduling, children and more."

The seminar will also take a look at how to care for senior

pets, and how to spot health warning signs, such as bloat.

"Bloating can occur in large dogs and large-chested dogs, and can be fatal. These are the kinds of things we will talk about," said Barker.

The April 1 children's session will focus more on basic training and general safety, not just around home pets, but other people's pets as well.

Barker had given a similar seminar previously to bylaw officers in Alberta on canine and feline behaviour, and said that she is prepared to answer questions about biting and dog attacks.

"We are prepared, we talked about it a great deal at the bylaw seminar," said Barker.

As for why dog owners should attend the seminar, Barker said, "Pet owners will leave with an educated and informed view of dog behaviour. Once people realize the whys, it will make it easier for them to understand and modify the behaviour if need be."

Tickets for the seminar are \$75 for both days and include a free lunch, and are available at the Didsbury town office.

Online registry and more information can be found at wildrosehumane.ca

Police investigate hit and run and vandalism to property

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For the Review

Hit and run:

Didsbury RCMP are investigating a hit-and-run incident that involved a black Honda Civic and a Volkswagen Jetta.

The incident occurred on March 19 at around 9 p.m.

"Police received a 911 complaint that a black

Honda Civic rear-ended a Volkswagen Jetta," said Cpl. Warren Wright of the Didsbury RCMP. "Both vehicles were driving northbound on Highway 2, north of the Carstairs overpass. Our understanding is that the driver of the Civic fled the scene after initially stopping."

The Jetta was struck from behind and received extensive rear-end damage. The Civic had substantial front-end damage.

"The driver and passenger of the Jetta went to the Didsbury Hospital for possible whiplash injuries," added Cpl. Wright. "Just as they were leaving the hospital, they saw the suspect vehicle driving by."

RCMP located the vehicle at a hotel in Didsbury, Cpl.

Wright added.

"The 33-year-old male driver from Edmonton was charged with dangerous driving (criminal code) criminal hit and run and driving while unauthorized," he said. "He also had his vehicle seized for 30 days."

The suspect - whose name has not been released - will appear in Didsbury provincial court on April 2.

Vandalism to property

Didsbury RCMP are investigating an incident of vandalism to property that occurred on Idaho Street in Carstairs.

"On March 21, around noon, two bald Caucasian men who were travelling in a shiny black, full-sized passenger van, parked in front of the house on Idaho Street and subsequently committed an act of vandalism," said Cpl. Wright.

The owner was not home at the time of the incident.

The incident was witnessed by a passerby, who reported it to police.

If anyone has information that could identify these two men, they should contact the Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.

Premier calls April 23 election

JULIE BERTRAND
For the Review

Premier Alison Redford announced yesterday that the general election will be held on April 23.

"In the six months since I was elected premier, we have introduced policies to bring discipline to spending, to support seniors and vulnerable Albertans, to enhance education, and to put health care on a better path forward," Redford said as she launched her campaign.

"In this campaign, I will talk about how we build on those foundational policies, and how

we embrace the energy and imagination of all Albertans to continue building the finest place in the world in which to live," she said.

Declared candidates in Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills include PC Darcy Davis, Wildrose Bruce Rowe, and NDP Kristie Krezanoski.

Davis and Rowe have officially opened their offices in Olds recently (For more on Krezanoski, see this week's *Gazette*).

Meanwhile, Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith followed Redford's announcement by officially starting her campaign on Monday.

"For the first time in 41 years Albertans have a clear choice on election day: they can re-elect an out-of-touch and over-spending PC government, or they can elect a responsible Wildrose government that operates within the bounds of integrity and genuinely understands the issues Alberta families face," said Smith.

"Alberta has long awaited a viable alternative to represent and defend its interests. I am happy to say they need wait no longer, because Wildrose is here with new ideas that put Albertans first."

Alberta Liberal leader Raj

Sherman started his campaign by announcing that an Alberta Liberal government would double funding for home care and enhance non-profit long-term care.

"A clear starting point for fixing our broken health-care system is to invest properly in home care and non-profit long-term care," said Sherman.

"Warehousing hundreds of frail seniors in acute-care beds, instead of providing the non-profit, community-based care they really need, is both cruel and ruinously expensive. It would actually be much less expensive to house them in luxu-

ry hotels like the Hotel Macdonald."

Alberta NDP Leader Brian Mason's campaign has five key commitments.

"On power prices, health care, education, oilsands upgrading and environmental protection, poll after poll shows Albertans and New Democrats share the same values and priorities for making everyday life better. We can do it, because we are the owners of very valuable resources," Mason said.

"These commitments are practical, attainable and they could be started the day after the election."

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Didsbury RCMP identify policing priorities for the region

BY JENNIFER ISAAC

For the Review

Didsbury RCMP has received policing priorities for the period of April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 from the communities of Carstairs, Didsbury and Cremona.

"We've started our process for developing our regional plan," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson, detachment commander. "We've come up with five priority areas for the region and we're looking at a number of initiatives to address those priorities."

He added that a number of goals have been set, and they're similar to last year's.

Priority 1 - Drugs: "We have a goal to reduce the abuse of drugs in our area," he said. "Part of that is going to involve the education component, where we're going to

look at numerous presentations that are both community-based and school-based within our regions."

That education, he added, is going to be on safety concerns for youth using drugs and what people can do to identify and report drug traffickers and drug producers within our regions.

"That's part of the drug initiative," he said. "Beyond that, intelligence is part of it, too, in terms of developing the information that can lead to successful search warrants and things of that nature."

Priority 2 - Traffic: "Another one of our concerns is traffic and contributing to safe roads," said Sgt. Jacobson. "That's the ultimate goal. I've had discussions with community peace officers and we plan to set up randomized joint force operations over the

course of the year, where we may choose one or two days of the month and do specific traffic initiatives that are focused on what the communities feel is their concern at that point in time."

He noted that the issues change throughout the year, ranging from speeding, stunting, seatbelts, crosswalks, school zones and intersection control.

"We always want to be out on the streets, doing proactive patrols, looking for infractions in our efforts to make sure people are complying with provincial statutes," he said. "Seatbelts, intersections and speed are the priority."

Priority 3 - Police visibility: "Last year, we had a lot of success with the visibility of police in the community," said Sgt. Jacobson. "We'll continue with our enhanced efforts for

visibility."

That includes daily school patrols and police barwalks. "Also, we'll provide that deterrent effect by just going out to speak to people who are on the streets in the middle of the night," he said.

Priority 4 - Property crimes and reducing victimization:

"We want to ensure that information is getting out to the community as to where the issues are occurring," Sgt. Jacobson said. "We also want to educate people on what they can do to prevent becoming victims of property crimes."

Other activities will relate to deterrents of property crimes through the RCMP's barwalk program. "We'll also continue with our evening checks of individuals who happen to be out and about on the street late at night," he

said. "We'll be checking to see what they're up to."

He noted that a pamphlet will be distributed that will help educate the public on how to prevent victimization.

Priority 5 - Domestics: "We plan to address concerns over people who have been in a domestic situation," said Sgt. Jacobson. "We want to let them know what they can do to receive the help that they need."

He added that the RCMP will pair up with Victim Services to establish an early recognition program. "Part of this is the Healthy Conflict 12-week program," he said. "It's voluntary for people to attend who have issues in their relationships. We'll partner with that program to be a part of it with RCMP involvement. This will help in our efforts to help identify issues early on."

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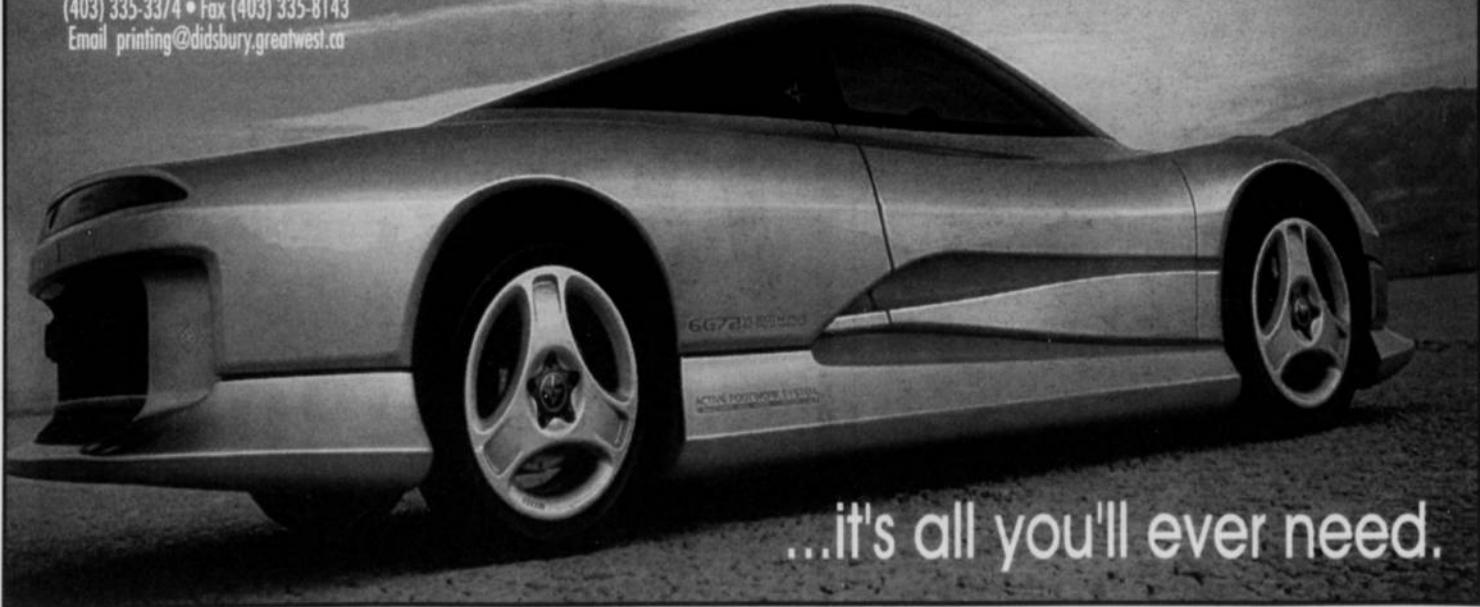
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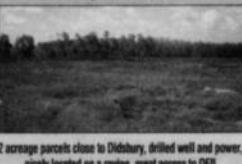
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